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The case against Microsoft is clearly that of a Monopoly exploiting markets and manipulating consumer patterns of purchase.

Moreover, the delay and discrimination as to when and to what degree information is disclosed to third party software developers not member of the Microsoft Software production family.

The effects of this monopoly includes, but are not limited to:

- Lack of freedom when purchasing software goods.
- Lower quality of products not a part of or cooperating with Microsoft.
- The hardware industry favouring Microsoft because of it's market position, tailoring hardware to the Windows OS, and thus strengtens their position further, hindering competition.
- Security issues due to recurring exploits and weak spots in the Windows system. This is an effect much affected by the Microsoft strategy to include all types of programs in the OS, thus removing the convenience and often possibilty of not using a program in which there is a considerable security hazard. (Internet Explorer, Instant Messaging, Microsoft Network protocols)
- Deliberate neglecting file formats to create inconvinence so that people stop using competing programs.

You all know this, make the right decision. Let us have the benefits of a free market.

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